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BUTTER

Q: What is the status of the plan to sell U.S. surplus butter to New Zealand?

A: As you know, the CCC has over 200,000 tons of butter in its stocks. These stocks must either be marketed or stored. Given the high cost of storage, the Administration is actively exploring various marketing alternatives. Thus, the question of how and where to dispose of the butter is under inter-agency review, and both domestic and international concerns are being considered. The State Department is working closely with the Department of Agriculture and other concerned agencies to find an appropriate solution which best serves U.S. interests. A number of possible solutions have been put forward but no final decision have been made.

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